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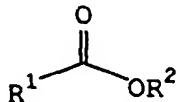
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a bitumen composition comprising: -(i) from 0.1 to 25 % wt of an elastomer, (ii) from 0.1 to 40 % wt of a solvent, (iii) from 30 to 99 % wt of a bitumen, (iv) from 0.1 to 30 % wt of a lithium salt of a C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>40</sub> fatty acid or hydroxy fatty acid, and optionally (v) from 0 to 70 % wt of a filler, all weights based on total bitumen composition, wherein the solvent is of general formula (I), wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and the sum of the carbon atoms in R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is from 5 to 7; a process of preparing said bitumen composition and the use of the composition as a cold-applicable adhesive.